

NOTES FROM THE AUSTRALIAN MUSEUM.

ON AN UNDESCRIBED *SCIÆNA* FROM THE NEW
SOUTH WALES COAST.

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SCIÆNA NEGLECTA, sp. nov.

B. VII.: D. 10. 1/27-28: A. 2/7: V. 1/5: P. 17-18: C. 17-18:
L. l. 51-54: L. tr. 9/21: Coec. pyl. 8: Vert. 11/13.

Length of head from 4.10 to 4.50, of caudal fin from 6.00 to 6.33, height of body from 4.40 to 5.40 in the total length. The length of the head is exactly three-fourths of the distance between the anus and the root of the middle caudal ray. *Eye*—Diameter from 5.10 to 5.50 in the length of the head, from 1.25 to 1.60 in that of the snout, and from 1.00 to 1.30 in the interorbital space, which is slightly convex. Snout a little obtuse, slightly overhanging the mandible; upper part of head straight; maxilla reaches to beneath posterior margin of eye. Preopercle weakly serrated on the vertical and anterior half of its horizontal limb, the serrations strongest at the angle. Two flattened opercular spines. *Teeth*—Upper jaw with a row of strong curved teeth, distant one from the other, behind which is a band of villiform teeth, broadest in front; lower jaw with a row of similar but much smaller teeth, between each of which are irregularly scattered several small conical ones. *Fins*—Dorsal spines weak, the third and fourth the longest, from 2.20 to 2.40 in the length of the head. Anal commences beneath the twelfth ray of the second dorsal. Pectoral about five-sevenths of the length of the head. Ventral rather